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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE UPGRADING OF HYDROMENT TO STATE COMMITTEE STATUS

1. FREQUENT CONTACT AT MAIN ADMINISTRATION FOR HYDROMETEROLOGICAL SERVICES (HYDROMET) INFORMED COMOFF THAT HYDROMET LIKELY SOON TO BE GIVEN STATE COMMITTEE STATUS. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, DECISION NOW APPARENTLY ONLY NEEDS KOSYGIN'S PERSONAL APPROVAL. IF CHANGE FORTHCOMING HYDROMET REPORTEDLY WOULD BE TRANSFORMED INTO "STATE COMMITTEE FOR ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION."

2. SOURCE STATED THAT UPGRADING OF HYDROMET'S STAU'S MOST IMPORTANT IF USSR ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION STANDARDS ARE TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY INDUSTRIAL MINISTRIES. WHILE HYDROMET NOW HAS AUTHORIZATION TO SET AND RECOMMEND SUCH STANDARDS, THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FREQUENTLY IGNORED BY INDUSTRIAL MINISTRIES, ACCORDING TO SOURCE. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A STATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WOULD CARRY A GOOD DEAL MORE WEIGHT. ASKED WHETHER CURRENT HYDROMENT CHIEF YU A. IZRAEL WOULD BE APPOINTED HEAD OF NEW STATE COMMITTEE, SOURCES REPLIED THAT DECISION ON CHAIRMAN HAD YET TO BE MADE.

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3 COMMENT: THERE'S SERIOUS THOUGHT APPARENTLY BEING GIVEN TO CREATING STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE IS AN INDICATION OF GROWING SOVIET RECOGNITION OF NEED FOR A STRONGER CENTRAL AUTHORITY TO HELP INSURE THE ADOPTION AND SERIOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS. IF REPORTED CHANGE TAKES PLACE IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHETHER IZRAEL WILL BE NAMED

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. IN HIS PRESENT CAPACITY HE IMPRESSED EMBASY  
AS A DYNAMIC LEADER WHO HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ATTRACTING TOP-  
FLIGHT, YOUNG TALENT TO HIS SIDE. FURTHERMORE, HE HAS TAKEN A STRONG  
PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE US-USSR SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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